GREAT FORT OF GEOK

Where Skobeleff Massacred

Thousands of Turkomans.

Women and Children Among the Slain Within Walls.

VICTOR'S UNHAPPY ENDING

Drank Himself to Death Within

Eight Years After Splen-

did Campaign.

BY WILLIAM E. CURTIS.

ASHKABAD, Turkestan, June 19, 1910.

Twenty-eight miles west of Ashkabad,

when the train stops at a station called

Geok-Tepe, at about 10 o'clock in the

morning, all the passengers make a rush to a little memorial museum three or

four hundred feet from the track on the

It is an artistic building of brick cov-

Guns picked up on the battlefield that

were actually used in the fight are artis-

tically arranged upon the walls. Several

small cannon that were engaged in the

bombardment are parked on the outside

Within are portraits of the men that

were conspicuous on both sides. Makdum

mans; Tekme Sirdar, the second in com-

mand; Nazar, Ogeri and other Turko-man chieftains who led the natives have

heir photographs exhibited in a large

It seems as if everybody who had any-

hing to do with the battle is represented

by an oil painting or a photograph ex-

cept the famous Gen. Skobeleff, for

years the idol of the Russian army, who

was in command of the attacking party and was responsible for the massacre.

Horrible Massacre.

Modern history has recorded few such

all, Gen. Skobeleff was right when he

on striking until resistance is completely

subdued. Then cease slaughter and be

kind and humane to the prostrate en-

The terrifying effect of such a massa-

cre upan a semi-savage people is per-petuated for generations, and the ruined

walls of the fortress, several monuments

to the heroism of the various regiments and brigades and this memorial museum

are maintained by the government as a perpetual reminder to the sons and the

grandsons of those who were slain of the

A new generation occupies the land,

iving and holding honorable positions in

the Russian service. As soon as the na-

tives submitted honors, offices and pen-

sions were bestowed upon them, and, as

one might say, the Russian governor general has ever since been leading by the hand orphans of those who fell in the

"I hold it as a principle that in Asia

the duration of peace is in direct pro-

portion to the slaughter you inflict upon

the natives," said Skobeleff in defense of his tactics. "The harder you hit them

And Skobeleff makes a rather striking

omparison with the British policy o

ple they have conquered. There can be no doubt that the Russian tactics are

exceedingly effective from a practical

point of view, because the oriental mind

recognizes in every terrible disaster the

all-powerful will of Allah and, being a

Resistance to Russia.

You must not understand that Russia

was allowed to occupy and annex the

various khanates of central Asia without

opposition on the part of the natives.

The invasion was resisted by all the

The Amir of Bokhara, when he saw

what was happening around him,

shrewdly placed himself under the pro-

to the limit of their strength and the

Tekkes Make Stand.

In the fall of 1880 the Tekkes, one of

might have carried on a guerrilla war-

Their confidence in their own prowess

fortress they had erected convinced them

that it was best to concentrate their

forces. Therefore, more than 35,000 per-

sons, including 10,000 mounted warriors,

argest fortresses that was ever built.

Its walls of mud surrounded a quad-

These walls were fifteen feet high,

There were twenty-one gates, masked

conducted into the fort through an open-

In a broad, open space in the center

of the inclosure were 13,000 kibitkas, cir-

Women and Children in Fort.

With extraordinary confidence in their

The country around Geok-Tepe is rich and highly cultivated. The oasis extends

fortress were men of substance, the

ability to resist the advance of the in-

nomadic Turkomen live.

from twelve to sixteen feet wide.

fatalist, that means submission.

tribes, except the Bokharoits.

human skull.

and horses.

noral suasion with India, which has not

the longer they will be quiet afterward.'

part in the battle are still

although many Turkomans who had

strength and the merciless energy

ered with stucco painted white and is

and inexcusable manner.

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MAE HARRIS ANSON completes her story, "The Sixth Sense." Rene Bache writes of "Air-Shrunk Foods, Fresh in Winter," and John L. Cowan describes "Some Odd Farms," in the next

## SUNDAY MAGAZINE of The

SUNDAY STAR.

ASSEMBLY" REPUBLICANS IN OREGON HOLD MEETING.

Faction of Party Opposed to Election of United States Senators by People.

PORTLAND, Ore., July 22.-Eleven hundred republicans, self-styled the "assembly," and representing the factions of the republican party in Oregon opposed to the election of United States senators by the people under the "Oregon system," yesterday met here and recommended candidates for the republican nomination as representatives in Congress and for various state offices. Acting Gov. Jay Bowerman of Condon, was ecommended as candidate for governor. Representatives W. C. Hawley and W. R. Ellis were recommended for re-elec-

The anti-assembly republicans-the facion which favors the "Oregon system" of voting on senatorial candidates—is ust as bitter and apparently just as ready to lock horns as the "assembly" action. It is admitted by both factions that on the result of the November elecion stands or falls the "Oregon system" this state.

#### Opposition Not Organized.

The opposition to the assembly is not organized, and it cannot be, for the antiassembly republicans are opposed to the principle of party assemblages whose obect is to suggest candidates for nominaon. They contend that the assembly is, n reality, an attempt to return to the convention method of nominating a icket, and that its real purpose is the destruction of the direct primary. There are, nevertheless, already sufficient anti-assembly candidates for nomiation in the field to insure politically with as many horses, and omplete anti-assembly primary tickets

While openly asserting that it has for its main object the slaughter of the rilateral inclosure measuring 980 yards 'Oregon system," the "assembly" fac- on the north, 1,680 yards on the east, tion also contends that its second im- 1.575 on the west and 560 yards on the portant purpose is to suggest for nomination suitable candidates for office - in and a third. other words, to invite men of ability to accept nomination for office. They deny they are opposed to the direct primary one feet thick at the top, made of mud

#### MAYFLOWER SENDS AID. Tipsy Indians in Canoe Capsized in

Passamaquoddy Bay BAR HARBOR, Me., July 22.-While the Mayflower was at anchor in Passamaquoddy bay for a few hours yesterday the ground, passed out again. At various two Passamaquoddy Indians put off from points along the inside of the walls were shore in a birch bark canoe. It was ap- warehouses for the storage of supplies parent to those on the Mayflower that and ammunition which had been gatherthey had been violating the prohibition supposed to be sufficient to maintain the law of Maine. There was nothing of the garrison for a year. noted Indian skill in handling a canoe, but much of the usual evidence of one drink too many.

Finally the rear paddle missed the waer entirely, the canoe yawed and the ndian in the bow started back to renonstrate with his companion. Stepping on the gunwale, he capsized the canoe. The Mayflower lowered a boat and picked up the Indians, and a rowboat vaders, the ten thousand warriors of the from shore took them in charge. They were entirely sober by this time. The water in the bay is about the tempera-

Mrs. Sallie Cook, sixty years old, wife about one hundred miles east and west, of John Cook, died Tuesday at East and between thirty and forty miles north Point, Rockingham county, Va. She and south. Nearly all who came into the aves ten children.

# Gordoo & Sorbrow

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Store Closes at 1 O'Clock Saturdays; 5 O'Clock Other Days.

### no quarter was given Sale of Girls' Middy Dresses At Under-Value Prices.

ADE in the popular "Co-ed" style are these very dainty and attractive Middy Blouse Dresses, fashioned of plain colored galatea in blue and white. The white ones are finished with blue collar and cuffs, and all have band of plain material in contrasting color around sleeves, which adds greatly to their stylishness. The skirts are in full-plaited effect.

For picnics, rowing, yachting, a day on the lake or at the mountain there is no style that compares with the middy dress; all sizes from 6 to 16.

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filled with relics of a horrible massacre ALUES of this nature need no introduction—their quality and attractiveness is thorough evidence of their suitability Turkomans made their last stand against the Russians and 20,000 human beings and unusual worth. were slaughtered in the most merciless

Longcloth and English Nainsook, in twelve-yard bolts, at revised prices. \$1.50 piece. Value, \$1.75.

\$1.75 piece. Value, \$2.00. \$1.95 piece. Value, \$2.50.

Fine Quality Imported Swiss Batiste, metcerized in yarn; 47 Kuli Khan, who commanded the Turko- inches wide.

#### 30c yard. Value, 50c.

45-inch Imported French Lawn. | 40-inch India Linon. Special price, 25c yard. 1,000 vards Very Sheer Persian Lawn; 45 inches wide.

Special price, 10c yard.

#### Infants' and horrible atrocities. But perhaps, after Small Children's Apparel, Department.

Dresses, made of lawn; front trimmed with clus-HILDREN'S Russian If front trimmed with cluster tucks between rows of lace insertion; box plaited back; finished with belt.

#### \$1.50 each.

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stroyed when soiled. 50c per package of 50.

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Striped White Madras.

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15c yard. Value, 18c.

A large assortment of Fancy

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### Special Sale of Boys' Russian Wash Suits.

SALE that gives mothers an opportunity of fitting up the little fellows for all vacation needs at much less than the regular expenditure. These are the ideal summer gar-

ments-cool, stylish, washable and inexpensive. Russian Blouse Wash Suits, made of chambray, duck and galatea, in a variety of neat and attractive effects, such as the little fellows admire. Shown in blue, brown and tan, and in sizes from 21/2 to 5 years.

#### Reduced to \$1.95 each. Formerly \$2.25, \$2.50 and \$2.95. New Hats at Special Prices.

Entire stock of Straw Hats, in | Sample line of Washable Hats, styles suitable for boys and girls, secured from a prominent maker marked at exactly half price for at 1/4 to 1/2 less than usual cos. immediate clearance. Included Made of silk, linen and duck, in are milan, sennit and panamas.

\$1.00 to \$2.50 each. Were \$2.00 to \$5.00. Fifth floor, Tenth st.

white, tan and blue, and the very latest shapes.

Special price, 50c each. Values, 75c and \$1.00.

### Annual July Sale of Women's Undermuslins at 25c

EGAN today with complete assortments of Corset Covers, Short Skirts and Drawers. The collection is ample enough to meet all requirements. is one of especial interest.

Selections can be made with the utmost satisfaction-as the garments are the most recent styles and the materials are the fine and dependable qualities we always maintain-regardless of price. These are entirely different Undermuslins from those usually found in sales of this nature—they are all well made of durable

materials, in attractive styles, daintily trimmed with plain and tucked ruffles, embroideries, laces, beading and ribbon, in a variety of effective arrangements. Special price, 25c garment.

Regular value, 50c.

EW Comet Ties, of fine silks in plain effects and rich and beautiful Perfinement to the summer sian colors in great var sian colors in great vaments contained in the seed and riety. These are called "Comet" sive. Most persons prefer not to

Also lot of Imitation Irish Lace propriate items: Chemisettes, in a very pretty design. An exceptional value. Special price, 25c each. Main floor, G st.

#### Summer Toilet Articles.

W. & L. Violet Toilet Water, both Roger & Gallet's Toilet Water, bot-Colgate's Talcum Powder, box, Mennen's Talcum Powder, box ..... Amolin Powder, box ..... Sheffield's Cream Dentifrice, tube .. Colgate's Dental Cream, tube. Pebeco Tooth Paste, tube .... Colgate's Tooth Powder ..... Lyon's Tooth Powder .... Sanitol Tooth Powder..... Crown Lavender Salts..... Bradley's Violet Almond Meal, W. & L.'s Quinine Hair Tonic ......25c oval, each .....

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costume, yet inexpen-Ties because of their likeness in wear their fine jewelry on outing and vacation trips, so we sug-

gest these very desirable and ap-Lavallier Necklaces, with jeweled 500 Coin Purses on long chains, gold plated. silver and gun metal, 25c to \$1.00 Small Mesh Purses, on long \$1.50 Bead Necklaces, of coral,

Bead Neckiaces, of turquoise, amethyst, jet 25c and 50c and pearl, each..... Pearl Fan Chains, each ...... \$1.00 Gun Metal Lorgnette or 50c and 75c Fan Chains, each..... Rhinestone and Jewel-ed Hat Pins, each....... 50c and \$1.00 Collar Pins, stone set-ting and enameled, each.. 25c to \$1.00 Brooches, with pearl, rhinestone 500 and other settings, each ..... Pearl and Jet Ear- 50c and \$1.00

Pearl Belt Buckles, 19c and 35c square, round and 25c, 50c and 75c 

rings, pair.....

#### Woodward & Lothrop.

tection of the czar and has been allowed cream of the Tekke population, a tribe to maintain a nominal and somewhat which numbers several hundred thousand ostentatious independence ever since. The souls. Their confidence was strengthened

#### remaining rulers made the hardest fight by the presence of their khan or king, they could. They resisted the invaders Makdum Kuli, and their greatest general, Tekme Sidar.

onquest cost Russia an enormous num-Skobeleff Plans Attack. ncapable of sustaining an attack from modern artillery. Those ruins mark the Caspian, where he completed his plans were sprung and tore great gaps in the and 340 wounded, and Skobeleff, in h spots where the natives endeavored to re- and preparations. In January he returnpell the invasion, and it is said that for two or three years it was impossible for a horseman to ride over the steppes with-out the hoofs of his animal striking a from the fortress.

For three weeks there was casual fightlay and irritated by the peril that surupon the Russian camp under the cover the strongest of the Turkoman tribes, of darkness, and kept up a continua driven from one point to another, de-fusillade upon the earthworks that had been thrown up around them. cided to make a final stand at Geok-Tepe, where they expected to annihilate the invaders of their country. If they had fire, but made no offensive demonstrascattered to the mountains, which were tion and continued to push their lines only thirty or forty miles away, they forward until they were so close that

conversation could be heard on either

distance. The Tekkes frequently crawled

sian army in Manchuria, and at daylight a ress. combined attack was made. The mines and colors flying. They were promptly engaged in a ter-

amazing courage, but their pride was the Russian national anthem. shocked and their confidence was destroyed by the ease with which the Russians had battered down their defenses. Within two or three hours after the at tack began thousands of fugitives streamed out of the gates upon the plains, with troops of Cossacks and other Russian cavalry pursuing them and cutting them down, No Quarter Given.

When the Russians began to under- to pursue the retreating enemy and to He died a disgraceful death at the height

mine the walls of the fortress their ad- give no quarter. This command was of his dissipation, surrounded by drunken vvance redoubt was only seventy yards obeyed with vigor for eleven miles. sexes and of all ages were lying upon the of 6,500 dead warriors and several thouinterruption. Booty valued at \$3,000,000 is

mud walls, through which the Russian official report, boasted that he had detroops entered with bands playing the stroyed 20,000 of the enemy, which is con-Russian national anthem, drums beating sidered an accurate estimate. You can un-Guenz Kanli, which means "bloody eyes." rific hand-to-hand fight with bayonets and that the survivors of that day even and swords. The Tekkes fought, with now shudder when they hear a band play

#### End of Skobeleff.

Skobeleff's "victory" made him the mos position than the deserts of Turkestan, and engaged in a campaign with the Evil Skobeleff ordered both horse anl foot One, in which he was utterly routed.

was a general at thirty years of age: he become if he had lived and behaved himself. No soldier in Russia for generations

#### was more beloved or admired, and none surpassed him in ability. Turkestan Accepts Yoke.

Skobeleff's blow at Geok-Teke was fatal to Turkoman independence, and the Russians have had no trouble in western Turkestan since. As soon as the excitement quieted down, Makdum Quli Khan, Tekme Sidar and other Turkoman leaders were invited to a conference and cordia

relations were restored. in a most lavish manner. They were burg and to Paris and to other places presented with Orloff horses and other more perilous to one of his convivial dis- animals. They were appointed to military positions, given gorgeous uniforms and were invited to Moscow in 1863 to attend the coronation of the czar, where they were shown distinguished attention and flattered into the belief that their services were essential to the peace and prosperity

of the Russian empire.

Their sons are now captains, . majors and even coloneds in the Russiantarmy. The greater part of the walls of the forcess remain, either to their full height or several feet from the ground Every visitor is astonished at the enormous area of the inclosure and the felly of the Turkomans in placing themselves in such a trap, where they were at the mercy of Russian sabers and artillery. There are a dozen or more monuments in different parts of the inclosure erect-ed by the several regiments and brigades engaged in the attack, as memorials to their fallen comrades. Opposite the entrance to the little museum is a shaft of granite erected by the Russian government as a tribute to its faithful sol-

### POSTAL BANK IN CAPITAL.

#### Question of Establishing One Rests With the Official Board.

While the Washington post office may be designated as one of the places where postal savings banks will be established it has not yet been determined by the board of trustees of the system, who alone can make it so. Stories to the contrary, it was said at the Post Office Department this morning, are unauthorized and without foundation. Postmaster General Hitchcock is now in

Europe, Secretary MacVeagh out of town and the Attorney General is on his way to Alaska. These three gentlemen constitute the board which, under the law. establishes the banks and controls the system. The clerical committee in the Post Office Department, it was explained, is simply ollecting and collating data relating to the forms to be used in the new system, and has no power to select the location of the banks or authorize their establishment.

### WHERE 20,000 MEN WERE SLAIN.



THE RUINED FORTRESS OF GEOK-TEPE AND GEN. SCHOBELEFF.